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1. IN INTERVIEW WITH VISITING BBC CORRESPONDENT, DETAILS OF WHICH REPORTED IN AUG. 9 VOICE OF UGANDA, PRES. AMIN MADE VARIETY OF STINGING REMARKS ABOUT HMG.

2. PRES. AGAIN CONFIRMED GOU WILLINGNESS TO COMPENSATE BRITISH FOR THEIR NATIONALIZED BUSINESSES BUT THIS TIME ADDED NEW CONDITION THAT PM HEATH OR THE QUEEN MUST COME TO UGANDA FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. PRES. REJECTED IDEA OF HOLDING TALKS WITH A QTE JUNIOR OFFICER UNQTE. HE DINIED BRITISH ALLEGATIONS THAT HE IS A RACIST AND SAID IT WAS THE BRITISH WHO ARE PRACTICING RACISM IN RHODESIA. DECLARED HEATH WAS SPEAKING DOUBLE-TALK IN OTTAWA AND ACCUSED BRITISH PRESS OF WAGING PROPAGANDA WAR AGAINST GOU. PRES. ASSERTED THAT BRITISH POLICY OF GIVING AID TO COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IS AIMED AT CONTROLLING THOSE COUNTRIES AND WARNED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND BRITAIN CANNOT IMPROVE IF HEATH CONTINUES TO CAMPAIGN FOR UGANDA'S EXPULSION FROM COMMONWEALTH. SAID BRITAIN HAD MADE SOME COMMONWEALTH

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COUNTRIES AND SOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE UNITED

NATIONS STOP THEIR AID TO UGANDA EVEN THOUGH UGANDA CONTRIBUTES TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. DESPITE HMG ATTITUDE TOWARD UGANDA, PRES. SAID, HE WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT BEING FRIENDLY TO BRITAIN. SAID HE CONSIDERS BRITISH PEOPLE HIS FRIENDS AND THAT IS WHY HE ASKED QUEEN, AS HEAD OF COMMONWEALTH, TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT TO TAKE HIM TO OTTAWA. SAID PEOPLE OF UGANDA LOVE QUEEN AND IF SHE COMES TO UGANDA, SHE WILL RECEIVE TRADITIONAL WARM AFRICAN WELCOME BY MILLIONS OF UGANDANS.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE AMIN REMARKS AND LATEST BBC REPORT THAT HEATH IN OTTAWA HAS TERMED ASIAN EXPULSION QTE AN ACT OF CALLOUS INHUMANITY UNQUOTE ARE LIKELY TO FURTHER ESCALATE ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGES.

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